

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23221

The primary purpose of this legislation is to implement new Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit standards. Legislation is needed to assure compliance with federal regulations (Docket FMCSA-2007-27659 Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards as amended by Federal Regulations Docket 2013-06760 on March 25, 2013). In order to provide consistency across driver programs and simplify programming, a limitation on renewal of class D and motorcycle instruction permits is proposed to match the same limitation for Commercial Learner's Permits.

FISCAL NOTE

If this proposal is enacted, approximately \$52,500 in vendor programming development costs will be incurred to implement changes to automated systems at the Idaho Transportation Department. If this proposal fails, there will be up to 4% withholding of certain federal highway funds after the first full federal fiscal year of non-compliance. Withholding begins FFY 2017 (10/1/2016) and up to 8% each year thereafter (10/1/2017 and beyond). Based on FY14 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) apportionments to Idaho, the highway fund loss at maximum levels of withholding would be \$9.7 Million in FFY17, and up to \$19.5 Million per year starting in FFY18 (and ongoing) of certain federal-aid highway amounts apportioned to the state [49-U.S.C. 31314]. The apportioned program funds affected are: National Highway Performance and Surface Transportation.

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